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## Think of This.

Speaking before a class at Columbia University, Henry L. Call, of Washington, presented statistics showing:

One per cent of our population owns practically 99 per cent of the entire wealth of the nation. Our 18,000,000 wage earners receive an average of but \$400 per year. Nineteen per cent of our business men are notoriously failures. Our clergy receive an average annual salary of about \$300; the average for educators is even lower. Of our six million farmers, one-third are tenants and the homes of one-third of the remaining two-thirds are mortgaged.

Mr. Call makes a very gloomy showing and even though one believe he has painted the picture too darkly, observing men know—in the absence of statistics—that the situation is serious enough to demand the thoughtful consideration of patriotic men.

## Guilty, or Not Guilty.

Two dollars that had been taken into a till were holding a conversation together. This wasn't an unusual circumstance, because everybody understands that money talks. I would hate to be wife of the man who owns us now," said One Dollar to the other. "Here, too," said the other. "If he squeezes her as he squeezes us I think he will break every bone in her body." "I notice, however," said the other one, "that the man who squeezes a dollar hardly ever squeezes his wife." —Exchange.

## Gave Child Away.

The Fulton Leader, commenting on (Pistol Grip) Williams, in giving his child away, says:

John (Pistol) Williams and his wife are again in Fulton, the object of charity. They came here from Hickman. The following special sent out from Hickman gives the history of their departure. The special reads:

"Forced to leave Hickman on account of the water rising into their home, John Williams and his wife gave their 10 year old girl to a negro man, named George Levi.

The news soon spread and the Methodist minister and ladies of the town investigated the matter, took the girl away from the negro and put her in the care of white people.

Williams, commonly known as "Pistol Grip," lived in West Hickman, where, it is said, he sent his girl out begging for him often.

Feeling is rather strong against Williams and the child will not be sent to them."

[The child was taken from these people a few days later by its mother, and taken to Fulton.]

## Prepare This Yourself.

For those who have any form of blood disorder, who want new, rich blood and plenty of it, try this:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. Any good pharmacy can supply the ingredients at small cost.

This is the prescription which, when made up, is called "The Vegetable Treatment;" by others, the "Cyclone Blood Purifier." It acts gently and certainly does wonders for some people who are sickly, weak and out of sorts, and is known to relieve serious, long-standing cases of rheumatism and chronic backache quickly.

Make some up and try it. 35-9-43

—Take your country produce to Cavitt, and get highest prices. He has the freshest groceries in town.

# EXCUSE US



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---if we bore you with so much talk about Clothing,--- but, can't you use another suit if at about half its original price? You know our clothes are good, and that the assortment to select from is immense. In fact, its the size of the assortment and the mildness of the winter that prompts these prices:

## SUITS:

The 5.00 to 8.00 Suits, now	3.50
The 8.50 to 12.00 Suits, for	5.00
The 12.50 to 15.00 Suits, for	7.50

## OVERCOATS:

The 5.50 to 7.50 Overcoats for	4.00
The 8.50 to 10.50 Overcoats for	6.00
The 10.50 to 15.00 Overcoats for	8.00

# Smith & Amberg

## A Good Move.

An agitation for a reform in the practice of law is now on in Missouri. The Kansas City Journal says that at a recent meeting of the bar association there a proposed legislative act was presented for consideration by one of the members of the association which provides that no judgment of a lower court shall be reversed by an appellate court because of errors unless those errors are so great, in the opinion of the appellate court, to justify the belief that a new trial would result in a different verdict. In other words, the evidence adduced at the trial, as crystallized in the verdict of the jury, will be paramount as against the technical blunders of the court or attorneys.

## Stray Notice.

Taken up as stray by J. C. Hendrix, living about 3 miles from Hickman on the Dresden Road, in Fulton County, Kentucky, one Bay horse mule, striped legs, supposed to be about three years old, crippled in left hind leg. No other marks. Valued at \$40.

Given under my hand this Jan. 5, 1907. W. A. NAYLOR, J. F. C. C. A copy attest. S. F. ROPER, Clerk.

## Administrator's Notice.

The creditors of the estate of the deceased T. D. Harris are notified that I will make a settlement with all the creditors on February 15, and all creditors are notified to file claims on or before that date, properly proven, or they will be forever barred. A. A. Faris, Admr.

You miss a treat if you fail to buy groceries from Shaw & Bettersworth.

## A New Wrinkle.

Lamar, of Florida, introduced a bill in the house Thursday providing for the election of judges of the United States supreme court by the nine judges after their election. He would have the United States divided into nine districts for the purpose of holding judicial elections. The bill also provides that postmasters be selected by the people.

All this rain here in the winter is worrying the older weather prophets, who see in it a possible drought next summer. The records show that this winter has been unusual in the depth of rainfall.

## Some Interesting Statistics.

The following figures, comparing the value of crops for 1906 in the various states will be of some interest to our readers. Note how Kentucky compares with other states:

Kentucky—cotton, \$83,494; corn \$40,804,264; wheat \$7,664,661; Tobacco, \$16,028,279; Hay, \$6,371,986; Live stock, \$79,020,541. Tennessee—Cotton, \$16,534,965; corn, \$38,603,956; Wheat, \$5,777,226; Tobacco, \$2,390,515; Live stock, \$66,232,650. Arkansas—Cotton, \$36,870,676; Corn, \$21,078,056; Tobacco, \$102,802; live stock, \$51,190,757. North Carolina—Cotton, \$37,214,373; Corn, \$24,061,652; Wheat, \$4,053,884; Tobacco, \$7,317,742; Live stock, \$54,593,739.

## Church Notice.

Preaching at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Prayer-meeting, Wednesday 7 p. m.

## Indian is Senator.

An Indian will represent Kansas in the United States Senate. He will be the first of the red man's race to serve in that capacity, and Kansas is proud of the distinction that thus falls upon the State. Chas. Curtis, who has just been elected by the republicans to that office, is an aboriginal American.

He is one of the few remaining members of the Kaw tribe of Indians, which is fast fading away.

The Klondike output for 1906 was \$5,797,942, making the total since the discovery of the gold field up to \$112,786,572.

## A STITCH IN TIME

will save nine. So will a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup always kept on hand save many a spell of sickness. A sure cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis and whooping cough. Mrs. S—, Hot Springs, Ark. writes: "I keep a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my medicine chest, and thank my forethought many times. It has prevented many severe spells of sickness." Sold by Cowgill's Drug Store and Helm and Ellison.

A farmer who has tried the experiment says: "If you will sprinkle sulphur on the barn floor and through your corn as you gather there will not be a rat or mouse bother in. I have done this for several years and have never been bothered with rats or mice. In stacking hay or oats sprinkle a little on the ground and on each load, and my word for it, rats or mice can't stay there. A pound of sulphur will be sufficient to preserve a large bin of corn and is good for stock and will not hurt the corn for bread."

## February 1906.

Following is a brief summary of events which took place a year ago this month, both local and general: The organization of a company for a flour mill for Hickman was considerably agitated.

A petition was filed before Judge Naylor for the purpose of securing a pardon for George Bryant, from the state penitentiary.

Pupils of Hickman College High School participated in a debate, subject: Should King George First have been beheaded? The Committee decided in favor of the negative side.

Hickman Lumber & Planing Mill Co., organized.

The Commercial Club was doing some real good work for the benefit of the town.

Rural Route Number 5 was established.

Frank Moore planted his garden.

Considerable talk about leveeing West Hickman. Principally talk, too.

Capt. Tyler lectured in Paducah for the benefit of the U. D. C.

Hickman Ice & Coal Co., organized.

County Union A. S. of E. organized.

Major Thomas, the General Manager of the N. C. & St. L. Ry., died at Nashville.

Tobe Wright made a bid on the Water and Light Plant.

Hickman was annoyed quite a great deal by many petit burglaries.

Hickman Water and Light Plant leased to the Hickman Ice & Coal Company.

All dogs in the city were compelled to wear a collar, in the form of a collar and brass tag, representing the city dog tax.

Negro John Smith was shot in the head and killed by an unknown party. He was on a corn boat, and was shot by someone from the Missouri shore.

Steamer Blanche, engaged in the transporting corn to Hickman for shipment was burned to the waters edge.

Capt. Tyler eulogized the soldier life of Chas. Meacham, deceased.

House of Representatives on the 4th passed the Hepburn Rate Bill by an almost unanimous vote—346 to 7.

Fears of a general coal miners' strike throughout the country.

President Roosevelt, on the 24th, addressed letters to John Mitchell, head of the United Mine Workers, and Francis L. Robbins, President of the Pittsburg Coal Company, urging that efforts be made to avert threatened strike.

Decided fall in prices on the New York Stock Exchange; especially severe the latter of the month.

Large new loan negotiations on the part of railroad and industrial corporations.

Jefferson Davis, who has just retired from the governorship of Arkansas, served the state as chief executive 1,878 working days and 312 Sundays and issued 1,778 pardons. There is no other governor with such a record, and the fact is astonishing to those who have read of Davis' career upon the stump at least. But it was always thus with the windbag demagogical class. Why Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, whose life of gentleness and melody has given him a world-wide reputation, was nothing like so free with his pardoning power as Mr. Davis.

## A Well Known Fact

That no skin disease, whether from internal or external origin, can long withstand the two powerful germicides, ZEMO and ZEMOTONE, they destroy the germs that cause the disease, they always cure. Write for sample. E. W. Rose Med. Co., St. Louis. All Druggists sell it. For sale by Helm & Ellison.

## The Good Roads Question.

Much has been said, regarding the good roads question. For the benefit of those who do not know, we are printing the road law passed by the last session of the legislature. As will be seen, it applies only to counties, with a valuation of less than \$3,000,000. Our valuation will almost reach \$5,000,000 this year, hence we practically have no road law, the system being left entirely with the fiscal court. They have authority to create and levy a tax for the purpose of keeping the roads in good condition:

## ROAD LAW.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky,

That any county, with a less assessed valuation than that of three million dollars, shall, upon a vote of two-thirds of those voting upon the proposition, vote a tax of not to exceed twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed property for road purposes, shall be levied for the building of and repairing roads.

It shall be the duty of the county judge to lay off all roads in said county in road districts, and to appoint one road overseer in each district, and it shall be the duty of said road overseer to work, or cause the same to be done, in his respective road district, and he shall be paid out of said road funds not to exceed one dollar per day for his services, and he shall have not to exceed ten days in any one year.

Said road overseer shall require to be performed in actual labor, nor in his road district, not less than eight hours of actual labor for one day's work, and for said labor, the price shall be not more than one dollar per day for a man, and two dollars and fifty cents per day for a team of horses and wagon, or plow and scraper, and each tax-payer shall have the right to perform actual labor under the supervision of the road overseer to the amount of his or their tax, said labor to be performed in or on the roads in his or their respective road districts, and it shall be the duty of said road overseers of each and every county of this commonwealth, voting a tax for building roads under this act, to make a full and complete report of all labor performed and by who performed, and shall make a full and complete report of all funds received and how disbursed.

And all funds levied and collected under this act shall be spent in and on the roads of the respective road districts where the said tax originates, and the said road overseer shall be subject to indictment, and fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for each and every fraudulent statement he may make in his report.

And it is further provided, That in no county voting a tax under this act shall be barred from requiring each and every able-bodied road hand to perform such labor in or on his or their road district as the fiscal court may direct, as now provided by law.

And it is further provided, That an election shall be held in any county to the wishes of the people as now provided by law for special elections.

No tax levied hereby shall exist beyond a period of five (5) years, unless again carried at an election herein provided for.

Approved March 21, 1906.

Do not write in your packages when you send photos or other merchandise by mail. It is expensive if you pay letter postage on such matter, as the law requires when such packages contain writing, and it may be very much more expensive if you try to smuggle a letter through. A special agent of the postoffice department recently examined all the packages in a nearby office and several had to pay a fine of \$10 or go to jail. They paid. Better be honest and pay two cents on your letters. \$10 invested in postage stamps will run an average person, writing a letter a week, almost ten years.

—Montgomery has moved across the street. See him if you want furniture or caskets.